Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (currently amended) A system for on-demand computer pricing, comprising:

a plurality of <u>instant capacity on demand (iCOD)</u> computers, wherein each <u>iCOD</u> computer has at least one asset class, each asset class having a number of monitored assets associated with the at least one asset class, wherein the monitored assets comprise active assets and inactive assets in the at least one asset class and wherein the plurality of <u>iCOD</u> computers comprise a total amount of inactive assets in the at least one asset class;

a network connection connecting the plurality of <u>iCOD</u> computers; and

an auditing system operably connected to the plurality of <u>iCOD</u> computers using the network connection, the auditing system, comprising:

a memory that stores <u>data about</u> ~~the number of~~ monitored assets for each asset class for each <u>iCOD</u> computer, and

a notification process that provides a notification when the total amount of inactive assets in at least one asset class for all of the plurality of <u>iCOD</u> computers changes.

2.   (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the notification is an invoice.

3.   (currently amended) he system of claim 1, wherein each <u>iCOD</u> computer transmits an audit of the monitored assets for the <u>iCOD</u> computer.

4.   (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the auditing system generates the notification if the total amount of inactive assets of the at least one asset class is less than an expected total amount of inactive assets for the at least one asset class.

5.   (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the auditing system generates the notification if the total amount of active assets of the at least one asset class is greater than an expected total amount of active assets for the at least one asset class.

6.   (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one asset class includes a number of central processing units (CPUs).

7.   (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one asset class includes hard disk capacity.

8.   (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one asset class includes memory.

9.   (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one asset class includes input/output (I/O) ports.

10.   (currently amended) A method for measuring at least one monitored asset belonging to at least one asset class over a network with a plurality of iCOD computers comprising:

receiving data about a quantity of assets of the at least one asset class for each of the plurality of iCOD computers on the network;

summing the quantity of assets of the at least one asset class for all of the plurality of iCOD computers on the network, thereby forming obtaining a sum of assets for the at least one asset class; and

providing a notification if the sum of assets differs from a previously specified total for the assets for the at least one asset class, wherein the assets may be either active or inactive.

11.   (currently amended) The method of claim 10, wherein receiving data about the quantity of assets further includes decrypting data about the quantity of assets.

12.   (original) The method of claim 10, further comprising providing the notification when the sum of inactive assets of the at least one asset class is less than an expected total of inactive assets for the at least one asset class.

13.   (original) The method of claim 10, further comprising providing the notification when the sum of active assets for the at least one asset class is greater than an expected total of active assets for the at least one asset class.

14.   (original) The method of claim 10, wherein providing the notification further comprises requiring a payment.

15.   (original) The method of claim 10, wherein providing the notification further comprises issuing an invoice.

16.   (currently amended) A method for measuring at least one monitored asset belonging to at least one asset class over a network with a plurality of iCOD computers comprising the steps of:

measuring a quantity of assets of at least one asset class from each of the plurality of iCOD computers on the network;

transmitting data about the quantity of assets for at least one asset class for each of the plurality of iCOD computers to an asset database; and

receiving a notification if a total quantity of assets for the at least one asset class for all of the iCOD computers on the network differs from a previously specified total quantity of assets of the at least one asset class for all of the iCOD computers on the network, wherein the assets may be either active or inactive.

17.   (original) The method of claim 16, wherein measuring the quantity of assets of the at least one asset class further comprises measuring a quantity of inactive assets for the at least one asset class.

18.   (original) The method of claim 16, wherein measuring the quantity of assets of the at least one asset class further comprises measuring a quantity of active monitored assets for the at least one asset class.

19.   (currently amended) The method of claim 16, wherein transmitting data about the quantity of assets further includes encrypting the data about the quantity of assets.

20.   (original) The method of claim 16, further comprising receiving the notification when the total quantity of inactive assets of the at least one asset class is less than an expected total quantity of inactive assets for the at least one asset class.

21.   (original) The method of claim 16, further comprising receiving the notification when the total quantity of active assets for the asset class is greater than an expected total quantity of active assets for the asset class.

22.   (original) The method of claim 10, wherein receiving the notification further comprises receiving a payment request.

23.   (original) The method of claim 10, wherein receiving the notification further comprises receiving an invoice.

24.   (currently amended) A method for measuring at least one monitored asset of at least one asset class in a network having a plurality of iCOD computers, comprising:

grouping the plurality of iCOD computers into at least one cluster, wherein the at least one cluster includes at least one iCOD computer;

receiving data about a measurement of the quantity of assets by asset class from each iCOD computer in the network of iCOD computers;

summing, for each cluster, the quantity of assets by asset class for each cluster, thereby forming obtaining a total quantity of assets for each asset class for each cluster;

comparing, for each cluster, the total quantity of assets for each asset class for each cluster with a previously specified total quantity of assets for each asset class for each cluster; and

providing a notification if the total quantity of assets for a given asset class for a given cluster is different than the previously specified total quantity of assets for the given asset class for the given cluster, wherein the assets may be either active or inactive.

25.   (original) The method of claim 24, wherein grouping the computers into at least one cluster further includes registering the computers into the at least one cluster by issuing a command from one of the plurality of computers.

26.   (currently amened) The method of claim 24, wherein receiving data about ~~the~~ ~~measurement of~~ the quantity of assets further includes decrypting the data~~measurement~~.

27.   (original) The method of claim 24, wherein providing the notification further comprises requiring a payment.

28.   (original) The method of claim 24, wherein providing the notification further comprises issuing an invoice.

29.   (original) The method of claim 24, further comprising providing the notification if the total quantity of inactive assets for any one asset class for any given cluster is less than the previously specified total quantity of inactive assets for that asset class for that given cluster.

The method of claim 24, further comprising providing the notification if the total quantity of active assets for any one asset class for any given cluster exceeds the previously specified total quantity of active assets for that asset class for that given cluster.

30.   The method of claim 24, further comprising providing the notification if the total quantity of active assets for any one asset class for any given cluster exceeds the previously specified total quantity of active assets for that asset class for that given cluster.